

April 23, 1970

Arthur Brakus

Services for Arthur Brakus, 74, of Stratford were held Saturday afternoon, April 18, in the Stratford Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Robert Carey officiating.

Hurst Williams was the soloist and Mrs. Dayle Luedeke, the organist.

Honorary pall bearers were Earl Frankenberger, William Kaul and Joseph Fettig, all of Aberdeen, Emil Kilber of Bowdle and Alex Schley, Wm. Baggett, Chester Jarrett, Oscar Ellingson, Lloyd Face and Earl Saunders, all of Stratford.

The active pall bearers were Richard Harris, Robert Hanson, Kenneth Jark, Allen Hoeft, Howard Taylor and Lloyd Jark, all of Stratford.

Mr. Brakus died Tuesday at Dakota Midland Hospital after a short illness.

He was born July 20, 1895 in Friesland Holland. Orphaned at age four he was raised in an orphanage and came to the United States at the age of 17. He had studied horticulture and was employed in New York, Chicago and Fremont, Neb., before coming to Aberdeen in 1920. He was employed by Siebrecht Florist for 17 years. He married Mary Schumacher in Aberdeen on Sept. 6, 1923. They made their home there for a time before moving to Stratford, where he operated a pool hall. He retired in 1962.

He is survived by a niece, Mrs. Ray Dayton, who made her home with him during his recent illness and seven other nieces. His wife preceded him in death.